



2004 NORTH CENTRAL REGION ENCAMPMENT

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2004 Encampment Gets Underway at Camp Dodge

More than 120 Civil Air Patrol cadets and senior members from seven Midwest states converged on Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, today to begin a week-long encampment focusing on teamwork, leadership skills, military customs and courtesies and proper wear of the CAP uniform. Cadets twelve years old and older are attending this year's event from Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Ohio, supported by a staff of professional CAP volunteers.



1ST LT Roger Elliott issues two sheets, a blanket and two encampment T-shirts to an incoming cadet at the processing point for the 2004 encampment.

Incoming cadets were processed at encampment HQ, where they were issued linens for bedding and a 28-page booklet of operating instructions that will govern their lives for the next week. Included in the OI booklet are complete descriptions about how cadets will eat, sleep, dress, behave and perform basic tasks. Cadets' possessions were scrutinized for prohibited items such as snack food, CD players and other 'contraband,' and they were then assigned to two female flights and four male flights.

"Embrace the opportunities available to you this week, and you will be a valuable resource to your squadron, your wing and your region," Encampment Commander MAJ Regena Aye told the assembled cadets at a welcome ceremony Saturday afternoon. "We will set high standards. We expect a lot from you."

Encampment Commandant of Cadets CAPT Derek Petit echoed Commander Aye's sentiments. "Is this basic training? No ... but it is a familiarization to the real military," he said. Captain Petit told the cadets his job was to help them grow while at the same time pushing them to stretch themselves intellectually and physically at the encampment.

Cadet Commander Nichole Crocker – a CAP Cadet Lieutenant Colonel with experience from six previous encampments – offered both a challenge and reassurance to the cadets in her charge. "A lot of what we're going to do this week is going to be physically and mentally demanding. But I expect that all of you will be able to accomplish what we're asking of you."

Cadets began settling into the routines they will be following over the course of the encampment: reveille at 0530 hours; formation and physical training before breakfast; cleaning the barracks and drilling before lunch; more drilling and classroom instruction before dinner and more drilling followed by a half-hour of personal time before 'lights out' at 2200 hours.



Cadets listen to Encampment Commander Regena Aye during the welcome ceremony at Camp Dodge.

2004 Encampment Acknowledges Corporate Donations

Civil Air Patrol would like to thank the corporate citizens that graciously donated food items to the 2004 NCR encampment, which in turn helps keep the cost of the encampment down for participants. They include:

Frito-Lay Corporation
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These companies have demonstrated their support of CAP and the future of America's youth!

COMMAND VOICE

by MAJ Regena Aye, 2004 NCR Encampment Commander

Each day of the encampment, I would like to use this column to acquaint you with the actions of an amazing soldier or soldiers from America's proud military past. The gallant actions of these heroic individuals are often excellent examples of the principles of leadership and followership. In addition, I feel it's important that we should appreciate the sacrifices of those who went before us and fought for the freedoms we all enjoy today.

The first individual I would like to introduce to you is Alvin C. York, a soldier in the 82nd Infantry Division during World War I. York, a country boy from Pall Mall, Tennessee, led a life of alcohol, gambling and recklessness for many years; however, he later became devoutly religious. When he received his draft notice, he was not sure he could fight for his country and applied for conscientious objector status because his religious beliefs prevented him from killing men, even in war. His request was denied. York was quite patriotic, but struggled with a prohibition against fighting adhered to by members of his faith. After many hours of deliberation, he reported for duty still unconvinced. His commander during basic training helped him to reconcile his beliefs and he completed training fully prepared to do his duty. Because of all the hunting he had done in the backwoods of Tennessee, York was an expert shot and his marksmanship amazed his superiors.

York's citation for gallantry, like that of most Medal of Honor recipients, is remarkable. During action in the Argonne in October 1918, York's platoon suffered heavy casualties including the officers and non commissioned officers. Corporal York took command and, using great courage and his marksmanship skills, managed to advance upon and capture several enemy machine gun emplacements with the help of seven members of his detachment. In the end, York's detail captured 128 German infantrymen, four officers and approximately 35 guns. York, a modest man, played down his actions and never liked to talk about his experiences. He could not wait to get back home to a peaceful life. After the war, York returned to the United States a very famous but poor individual. Many companies offered him money to endorse their products. York replied *"This uniform ain't for sale."* The lesson of the importance of the military uniform is the one I would like to emphasize from this story.

As the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, we are given the opportunity to wear uniforms very similar to those of the active duty military. To Sgt. York, and many others, the military uniform serves as a symbol of our country – and wearing it is a privilege not to be taken lightly. With each privilege, we accept responsibilities. When you wear your uniform, be responsible. Make sure it is clean, pressed, and in good repair. Remember, when you are in uniform, you are more than an individual. You are a proud member of the team. Make sure your actions reflect favorably on yourself, your flight, the Encampment, Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force, and our country. Wear your uniform properly and with pride!

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